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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 28 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.


e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment to the title has been entered.

The amendment to specification paragraphs has been entered.

The amendment to the abstract has not been entered because the abstract is required to be submitted on a separate page.


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